

## [Mrs. Ross]

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### FORM A Circumstances of Interview

NAME OF WORKER Ruby E. Wilson ADDRESS [R#1?] Box 10 B-1 W Front

DATE Oct. 4, 1938 SUBJECT Folklore

1. Name and address of informant— Mrs. Ross, 914 W. 10th.
2. Date and time of interview— Sept. 29,; 1:00-4:30
3. Place of interview — Her home with friends.
4. Name and address of person, if any, who put you in [tough?] with informant
5. Name and address of person, if any, accompanying you
6. Description of room, house, surroundings, etc., Very ordinary dwelling shared with another couple from the sand hills, who were subsequently interviewed. [???

### FORM C Text of Interview (Unedited)

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I was 19 when my husband and I with our two children boys shipped out in an immigrant car from Fort Dodge, Iowa to homestead. That was 50 years ago last March (1938).

We didnt get lonesome, too busy picking up chips and running after cattle. We staked our cows cut but had to tend them with water, and move them to fresh pickin, that was at first.

There was lots of hard work never worked so hard in all my life as I did in them hills. We homesteaded just south east of the Myrtle school house then after we proved up and living 8 years in all there we bought a place and moved 1 [1/2?] miles. We lived up in there 31 years in all, Then we moved down here (North Platte) Between the rivers.

I boarded 13 teachers and milked 18 to 20 cows besides my other work.

We always had plenty of meat and potatoes and bread and butter and eggs, we never went hungry in them hills. We always had hogs at our place. They boys always went hunting after they got up big enough.

The Mr. got his hands burned in a prairie fire and then he couldnt help anymore with the milking. Prairie fire was the worst thing out there and this was a bad one and he was burning fire guards for the neighbors, they was new in there and I guess didnt know how or something, and the fire got away from them when the wind changed and they was

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OVERTAKEN AND BURNT. Him and the oldest boy was took to Gandi and stayed there a long time being treated for the burns. We lost a horse from burns in that prairie fire, he died about a month later.

We made it in the hills, we stayed in the hills till we got 1680 acres of land farm and pasture, but I've lost it since we came here.

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I remember Grace my daughter, about 10 or 12, was out on a little black horse and I dont know whether it stepped on the rattle snake or how it happened, it wound around its leg and up toward its shoulders, she whipped the snake down and it laid back down, they wasnt long getting away from there. Grace used to run that horse and I'd get so mad at her.

I made all of our clothes and the children all got 8th grade education.

I never had a doctor in my life for myself till I moved up here between the rivers and broke my leg.

FORM D Personal History of Informant.

NAME OF WORKER Mrs Ruby E. Wilson ADDRESS [R#1?] Box 10 B-1-W-Front

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NAME AND ADDRESS OF INFORMANT Mrs. [?] Ross 914 W. 10

1. Ancestry

21. Place and date of birth— Iowa 1869

3. Family— 4 children?

4. Place lived in, with dates. —Ft. dodge, Iowa until 1888, Myrtle precinct or vicinity, of North Platte.

5. Education, with dates

6. Occupations and accomplishments, with dates— house-wife and mother.

7. Special interests— family and friends

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8. Community and religious activities— used to dance some and belongs to church.
9. Description of informant— Very short, weight all of 200 very lame from break of which she tells which bothers yet.
10. Other points gained in interview— An enthusiastic and interesting woman who has seen a typical portion of sandhill “life The kind of wife and mother that western Nebr. was so dependatn upon at one time.